

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF JUDGE GEORGE MITCHELL, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Judge George M. Mitchell who passed away April 19 of this year. Judge Mitchell was a dear friend and mentor of mine, and I join his family, friends, and loved ones in mourning his loss.

Judge Mitchell was born on February 14, 1945 to George Mitchell and Lenora Oliver Mitchell in Winona, Mississippi. He was raised by his grandparents, Oscar and Minnie Oliver after his mother passed away. He attended Mississippi State University and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in Vietnam. He continued his service both in the Mississippi Air National Guard and the United States Air Force Reserve. He retired as a Colonel and with the honorary designation as a Brigadier General.

George graduated from law school at the University of Mississippi in 1975. He clerked at the Mississippi Supreme Court and served his community for 40 years. He served as the Prosecuting Attorney for Webster County from 1986–2004 and was appointed as Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Circuit Court District, where he served until his passing.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Matt; daughter, Mandy; and three grandchildren.

I feel honored to have known and learned so much from Judge Mitchell, and I know I am not the only Mississippian who has benefited from his life in public service. My prayers and condolences are with his family.

HONORING NAVON MORGAN FOR EARNING THE HUSKY 100 AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Navon Morgan, from Vancouver, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time at the university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, helping make a difference on campus, in their communities, and in the future—and Navon is no exception.

Navon is pursuing his bachelor's in Political Science at the University of Washington.

Navon says he is passionate about hearing the needs of the community and utilizing policy and the power of advocacy to meet those issues with tangible solutions—which is an admirable and worthy goal. His current activities and goals for his future are exactly why Navon was given this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Navon on receiving this honor and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING MEIING FANG AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Meiling Fang has worked at the United States Post Office for more than 35 years.

Meiling Fang is deeply involved in public affairs locally and nationally. She has been volunteering with the community in education, management, and public affairs. She is a founding member and current president of the Florida Educational Alliance. The nonprofit organization promotes and provides various leadership programs for helping domestic and international students to learn and experience the American culture, economy, and education. The leadership development programs help our future leaders to leverage their talent and necessary experience.

She is also an active board member of Asian Pacific Islanders American Public Affairs (APAPA) in Central Florida to empower civic and public affairs through education, active participation, and leadership development.

MRS. ANGIE NOLAND

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Mrs. Angie Noland as she retires from twenty-seven years as a teacher in early childhood education from Maysville, Mo.

Mrs. Noland has been a dedicated servant to her students for twenty-seven years. With a heart for early childhood education, she prepared pre-school and kindergarten classes to embrace the joy of learning. Her service to the community and the school district in Maysville set an example for all students, parents and staff. Even after suffering a major stroke in November of 2021, she refused to give up on teaching and in April 2022 was able to come back full time. She is the best example of the hard work and dedicated service provided by America's public-school teachers.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking Mrs. Angie Noland for the hard work and dedication to public education serving the children of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Mrs. Angie Noland in the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES FRANKLIN SWIMMER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Charles Franklin Swimmer. Mr. Swimmer was a resident of Iuka, Mississippi, and lived a long and meaningful life.

Mr. Swimmer was born in July of 1945. Mr. Swimmer became a career photographer after finding his passion while serving in the United States Air Force. Amidst finding his passion for photography Mr. Swimmer served three tours in Vietnam before moving to Iuka, Mississippi where he opened his own business called, "Photography by Charles". After opening in 1975, Mr. Swimmer's business remained open for the 38 years he ran it.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Charlotte Swimmer, their two daughters Rebecca, and Terri, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. We are grateful for Mr. Swimmer's service to this country, and for his hard work and dedication to his work and family.

RECOGNIZING CARL JENNINGS

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Carl Jennings on his retirement and thank him for his decades of leadership as Director of Recreation and Human Services for the City of Long Branch, New Jersey. Mr. Jennings' accomplishments and dedicated public service are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Throughout his nearly 30-year tenure at the Long Branch Department of Recreation and Human Services, Mr. Jennings has gone above and beyond his duties to oversee the department and execute its recreational programs and activities. From his vision and hands-on leadership to his collaborations with community partners and organizations, Mr. Jennings has expanded program offerings and events, and increased community participation. These programs and activities are an asset to residents; they encourage active living, develop life skills, and promote community engagement. Carl Jennings has helped renew a sense of community pride within the city and his leadership will truly be missed.

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In addition to his work as Director of Recreation and Human Services, Mr. Jennings has been an active member of the greater Long Branch community. Serving as a Commissioner of the Long Branch Housing Authority, member of the Monmouth Family Health Center Board of Directors and a member of the Rotary Club of Long Branch, Carl Jennings has established himself as an advocate for the community. His knowledge and commitment to service was also recognized in his appointment to the Monmouth County Youth Services Commission and the 11th Legislative District Economic Recovery Advisory Council Governments Subcommittee.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating Carl Jennings on his retirement. It is my honor to recognize his dedicated service to the City of Long Branch and offer my best wishes as he enters this new stage in life.

HONORING PAULINE HO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Pauline Ho was born and educated in Hong Kong and the United States. She is a U.S. CPA in both Florida and Washington, and a U.K. chartered accountant. She has a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, a master's degree in business administration from Andrews University of Michigan, and a master's degree in accounting from the University of Central Florida.

Pauline began her career with public accounting in one of the big four CPA firms in Hong Kong. During the past 20 years, she has progressed to senior finance positions to cover financial planning and budgeting, corporate finance, controllership, and financial consulting in multiple industries both in the Asia Pacific regions and the United States. In 2008, she opened the doors of Laus Consulting Services to the public—providing accounting, tax, and business consulting services.

Pauline enjoys living and working in a multicultural environment as she has lived in Hong Kong, Sydney, Australia; and the United States. She has also traveled extensively in China, Taiwan, Singapore, and Malaysia during her career. This enables her to build up a solid foundation in international accounting and tax. She is fluent in English, Cantonese, and some Mandarin.

Pauline is very active in the local community as well. She was the president of the Chinese American Association of Central Florida, Central Florida vice chair to the finance and business development committees of the Asian American Federation of Florida, on the Board of Directors of the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra, chair of the Chinese School of CAACF, and chair of the Scholastic Award Committee of Asian American Heritage Council. She is currently the chair of REACH of Central Florida, vice president of Youth En-

richment and Senior Services, as well as treasurer and on the Board of Directors of Mills 50. She is also on the Board of Directors of United Against Poverty and Sharing Center, and CPAs for various nonprofit organizations.

CELEBRATING THE ENGAGEMENT OF KATIE BERG AND TYE COVEY IN NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate one of the first of many stories to come out of America's 63rd National Park: New River Gorge National Park and Preserve in West Virginia.

On April 15, 2022, a young couple whose all-American love story began in the Midwest and flourished in our nation's capital chose to start the rest of their lives together while hiking the Beauty Mountain Trail.

It was a cool and quiet evening when Tye Covey and Katie Berg took in a sunset from the overlook.

As Tye searched for the words to match the wondrous moment, the Lord touched his heart. He said, "I explained to Katie how great it is that I get to spend every day with my best friend, and I asked her if she'd like to do that forever."

Their love story is as pure and true as the natural beauty at New River Gorge.

Please join me in wishing Katie Berg and Tye Covey a lifetime of adventures together as Wild and Wonderful as West Virginia itself.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL THERAPY ANIMAL DAY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize April 30, 2022, as National Therapy Animal Day. Pet Partners therapy animal teams throughout Mississippi play an essential role in improving human health and well-being through the human-animal bond. Pet Partners animal teams make millions of visits per year in settings such as hospitals, schools and hospices. Pet Partners therapy animal teams interact with a variety of people in our community including veterans, seniors, patients, students facing literary challenges, and those approaching the end of life. These exceptional therapy animals who partner with their human companions bring comfort and healing to those in need.

There is a growing body of research that demonstrates the various ways in which therapy animals can make a difference in a person's life. They are believed to improve mental wellness by decreasing fear, anxiety, loneliness, and isolation. They may also influence our physical health, lowering perceived levels of pain, shortening recovery times, and help-

ing those who are ill have a positive outlook about their future.

In the State of Mississippi, we encourage our citizens to celebrate our therapy animals and their human handlers. Further, I publicly salute the service of therapy animal teams in our community and in communities across the nation.

On this day, I also wish to recognize Phillip and Kimberly Jackson, owners of For the Puppies Training Academy. I commend them for their hard work and steadfast dedication to training dogs for pet owners and to enhance the lives of others through their own therapy dogs—Pretzel and Oreo.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT PAUL CIVIC SYMPHONY

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Saint Paul Civic Symphony as they celebrate their 75th anniversary of music-making in Minnesota's capitol city. Founded in 1945, the Saint Paul Civic Symphony is St. Paul's oldest orchestra, and was created to provide World War II servicemen returning from war with a way to reenter into the music community.

The symphony was established with four fundamental objectives—to provide the greater Saint Paul Community with free concerts with a wide range of symphonic literature, to provide musicians with an opportunity to perform in a high-quality symphony, to serve children in the community by offering interactive and imaginative performances to instill in them a love of music, and to deepen ties with their sister orchestra, the Nagasaki Symphony, and nurture cultural exchange between both cities.

This year the symphony has commissioned a new piece of music by local composer Steve Heitzeg titled "Green Hope after Black Rain (Symphony for the Survivors of Manzanar, Hiroshima and Nagasaki)" which reflects upon and celebrates the unique relationship between the Saint Paul Civic Symphony and the Nagasaki Symphony. This relationship as sister symphonies was the first affiliation of its kind in the United States, and fosters a fruitful exchange of repertoire and musicians between the orchestras.

The Saint Paul Civic Symphony has been a pillar of the arts in our community for many decades, and while this year actually marks their 76th season of performances, delays from the coronavirus pandemic have postponed their anniversary celebration to this spring. Music, like all forms of art, enriches our culture and our community, especially during challenging times like these past few years. And I am grateful to the volunteers, board of directors, musicians and music director Jeffrey Stirling, who are all deeply committed to supporting the arts and the mission of the Saint Paul Civic Symphony. Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Saint Paul Civic Symphony as they return to in-person performances and celebrate their momentous 75th anniversary.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAN JACINTO COLLEGE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of San Jacinto College, located in Harris County, Texas. For more than six decades, San Jacinto College has established itself as an educational trailblazer in the greater Houston area. The college has an outstanding reputation for providing affordable, high-quality instruction and training in more than 200 degrees and certificate programs.

On September 18, 1961, San Jacinto College first opened its doors to the citizens and communities of East Harris County in a rented storefront in downtown Pasadena, Texas. The newly-formed institution was named the East Harris County Union Junior College. Their initial enrollment of 876 students was, at the time, the largest for any junior college in Texas. In its second year of operation, the college was awarded full accreditation by the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities. A few decades later, in December of 1995, the college adopted its current name, the San Jacinto Community College District.

Over the past 60 years, San Jacinto College has opened additional campuses and centers, including San Jacinto College North in 1975, San Jacinto College South in 1979, a Martine Technology and Training Center in 2016, and a Generation Park Campus in 2020. The college also oversees the LyondellBasell Center for Petrochemical, Energy, and Technology in Pasadena and the EDGE Center at the Houston Spaceport in Houston.

To date, San Jacinto College has awarded certificates and associate degrees to more than 93,000 graduates. Additionally, since 1980, 175,000 continuing enrollments have helped create a skilled workforce across the greater Houston region. For their outstanding efforts in 2017 and 2021, the Aspen Institute recognized San Jacinto College as one of the top five community colleges in the nation.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent several of San Jacinto College's campuses and centers and congratulate them for more than half a century of excellence in education. I have no doubt that they will continue to enrich the workforce and surrounding communities for decades to come.

HONORING ALICIA TULLO AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Alicia Tullo was born in Mindanao, Southern Philippines. She attended the San Pedro College School of Nursing and earned her bachelor's degree

in nursing from Far Eastern University in the Philippines. She also earned a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Sciences from Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida. She later earned a master's degree in Nursing Administration and Education from Mountain State University, West Virginia.

Mrs. Tullo has held several positions in the medical field. She is so passionate about her field that she has dedicated her time to teaching others. Mrs. Tullo has worked as a Nurse Educator at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Dade College School of Nursing, Everest University in Healthcare Administration programs, and the American College for Medical Careers in Orlando.

Mrs. Tullo was previously the Director of Nursing Services at John F. Kennedy Hospital in Palm Beach, Florida. She also owned and operated a medical billing company and consulted in physician practice management. Mrs. Tullo also owned and operated a free-standing breast imaging & diagnostic center in Maitland, Florida. She has held the position of Program Director at Remington College and is currently an adjunct professor.

Her contributions to our community do not end there. Mrs. Tullo is a member of Rotary International. She previously served on the Board of Trustees for the YMCA/YWCA, Community Health Services of Muscatine County, Iowa. She is currently serving as the President of the Philippine Nurses Association of Central Florida. Mrs. Tullo also organized a nutrition program for an Elementary School in a remote village in the Southern Philippines and conducts medical missions to remote villages in the Southern Philippines every 2 years.

Mrs. Tullo is an active member of Sigma Theta Tau, an Honor Society in Nursing. She currently serves as Board of Trustees for the Philippine Nurses Association of America Foundation providing humanitarian relief services to victims of disease and disasters in the Philippines.

She is a Girl Scouts leader and lifetime member. She has served as a lector and Eucharistic minister at various churches for over 50 years. Mrs. Tullo has served as the Board of Directors for the Philippine Cultural Foundation of Florida, which works to educate Filipino Americans and the general public about the culture of the Philippines. She is also an active member of the Florida Action Coalition, which aims to advance the nursing profession and ensure that all Floridians can access safe, high quality health care.

Mrs. Tullo is married to a physician and has one daughter.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. MARK E. HAMISTER

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Mark E. Hamister, who passed away on August 20, 2021, at the young age of 69.

Mr. Hamister was born on October 18, 1951, in Western New York, where he lived

most of his life. Mr. Hamister's love of Western New York led to his unwavering devotion to our region and dedication to improving the lives of its residents.

Mr. Hamister's entrepreneurial spirit began at 15 years old when he started two businesses, a neighborhood lawn mowing business and Kenmore Engine Service. Later, while part of Junior Achievement he invented the O-Cello sponge. While attending Rochester Institute of Technology, he established RIT Students Cooperative, Inc. From RIT he worked his way to become the Administrator of the Shire at Culverton Assisted Living Facility. On June 1, 1977, he officially launched his career after buying an assisted living residence in LeRoy, NY and founded National Health Care Affiliates, Inc. After improving his first assisted living residence, he purchased others over the next 44 years. In 1998, he entered the professional sports business. He was awarded an expansion franchise in the Arena Football League for Buffalo, the Buffalo Destroyers. Mr. Hamister grew Hamister Group, LLC into one of the top investors in middle-market hotels and senior housing residences. Today, Hamister Group, LLC manages over 20 properties that employs over 900 people, spanning seven states.

Dedicated to making Buffalo, and Western New York as a whole, the best place it could be, Mr. Hamister was willing to work with anyone to help improve our region. Mr. Hamister was involved in numerous local organizations with community business leaders that worked to improve the City of Buffalo. He was actively involved in several local civic groups, boards of directors, and organizations, including the Republican National Committee, Invest Buffalo Niagara, the Erie County Industrial Development Agency, Empire State Development, Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board, University at Buffalo, Rochester Institute of Technology, Shea's Performing Arts Center, and Buffalo Seminary. His involvement and dedication to his community was recognized with numerous well-deserved awards for his entrepreneurship and leadership. These awards include the Buffalo Business First Lifetime Achievement Award, being named a Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Laureate, and in 1992, Mr. Hamister was named as an Entrepreneur of the Year for New York State. Nationally recognized repeatedly, as one of the fastest growing companies with Inc. 500/5000 magazine and a member of the Inc. 500/5000 Hall of Fame.

Mr. Hamister also founded the Mark E. Hamister Foundation, which supports education, healthcare, and community service programs. The foundation primarily supports Western New York, Raleigh, NC and Southern Florida. The Foundation has supported organizations such as the University at Buffalo, Roswell Park, Cleveland Clinic, St. Gregory's Episcopal Church of Boca Raton, the Junior Achievement program, and the National Comedy Center to name a few.

Mr. Hamister was a devoted son, husband, father and grandfather. He had a strong faith and instilled his values into his family and Hamister Group, which laid the foundation of the company's culture.

Madam Speaker, please join me in celebrating Mr. Hamister's life, in honoring his work, and all his achievements.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT

HON. ANDY BIGGS

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, this week a grateful nation honored law enforcement by celebrating National Police Week. My gratitude to our law enforcement professionals and their families cannot be overstated. Their sacrifices, in the defense of and service to our communities, are worthy of recognition and humble thanks.

Those lost in the line of duty this past year from agencies within Arizona's Fifth Congressional District include:

Maricopa County Sheriff's Deputy Juan Miguel Ruiz, End of Watch Monday, October 11, 2021

Maricopa County Sheriff's Lieutenant Chad Owen Brackman, End of Watch Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Maricopa County Detention Officer Kendall Leroy Thomas, End of Watch Friday, September 10, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Lyndon Tyler Britt, End of Watch Monday, January 11, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Jeremy Martin Wilkins, End of Watch Friday, December 17, 2021

Chandler Police Officer Christopher Allan Farrar, End of Watch Friday, April 30, 2021

To illustrate the bravery and selflessness of these men, I wish to share the account of Chandler Police Officer Farrar and Gilbert Police Officer Rico Aranda.

Last year, deputies with the Pinal County Sheriff's Office were in pursuit of a known felon. Understanding full well that the suspect had already fired shots at the responding deputies and their lives may be in peril, Officer Farrar and Officer Aranda entered the pursuit. The suspect entered a car dealership in Chandler where he stole a truck. He then turned this vehicle against the officers, striking Officer Farrar and Officer Aranda, causing both to suffer critical injuries. Officer Farrar succumbed to his injuries, while Officer Aranda is still on the path to full recovery.

While in the hospital, Officer Aranda was visited by his Chief and was asked about his future plans. The Chief expressed gratitude for his sacrifice and, knowing the long road ahead, told him there would be no shame if he decided to retire after this incident. Officer Aranda looked him in the eye and told him, "Nah dawg, I'm gonna be Chief one day."

This is but one of countless examples of the bravery, dedication, and honor with which our law enforcement professionals serve. The people of Arizona's Fifth Congressional District are grateful. We stand with them. We support them. And we will always back the blue.

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OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate

Andrew Hengstler from Vancouver, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

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Andrew is pursuing his bachelor's in Construction Management at the University of Washington. After graduation, Andrew wants to use his degree and experience to "develop built environments that encourage community collaboration, where people are not separated by class or culture." His current activities and goals led to Andrew earning this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Andrew on earning this honor and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

**HONORING RANDELL "RANDY"
IWASAKI FOR HIS DEDICATED
PUBLIC SERVICE**

HON. JERRY McNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in celebrating the service and achievements of Randell "Randy" Iwasaki, who is retiring from his position as Executive Director of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).

Randy joined CCTA as Executive Director in 2010 after a 26-year career with the California Department of Transportation, where he served as Director after holding various engineering and management positions. Under Randy's guidance, CCTA completed high-profile, long-term projects such as the fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel and widening State Route 4 in eastern Contra Costa County. He and his team also worked on pioneering projects, such as creating the largest secure and connected autonomous vehicle proving ground in the nation. They also championed legislation and secured funding to pilot the first system of low-speed multi-passenger shared autonomous vehicles without steering wheels, brake pedals, accelerators, or operators on public roads in the United States.

Under Randy's leadership, CCTA's work has been as diverse as Contra Costa County itself. In addition to the work in autonomous vehicles, CCTA has expanded bicycle transportation and facilities, increased ferry service, created an electric vehicle readiness blueprint for the County, bolstered recreational opportunities in conjunction with other regional agencies, and even constructed maps to make it safer for children to get to school.

Randy has been a good steward of public resources, and his efforts have not gone unrecognized. His agency received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for eight consecutive years, as well as the Silver Medal for Good Government from the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association.

Randy's commitment to providing the public with the highest level of service is an example to all. I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring Randell "Randy" Iwasaki's exceptional service to the people of California and in wishing him a happy, well-deserved retirement.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT
"BOBBY" DONALD VENTI**

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following obituary for Robert "Bobby" Donald Venti:

Robert "Bobby" Donald Venti, 75, of East Hartford, beloved husband of Roberta A. (Farrell) Pacheco, passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Born in Hartford on July 24, 1946, he was the son of the late Joseph and Eleanor (LaMacchia) Venti and had lived in the East Hartford area his entire life. Bobby was a graduate of East Hartford High School. He was a proud decorated veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War, earning a Bronze Star medal. Bobby worked as a lithographer in the printing business for many years. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 120 of Greater Hartford, American Legion Post #133 of South Windsor, and VFW Post #2046, where he was currently serving as Post Commander. He also belonged to the Army/Navy Club of Manchester and the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 17. He was an organizer and Master of Ceremonies of the Manchester Veteran's Parade and was involved with Veteran's Row at the Manchester Road Race. Bobby was also an animal lover and an avid gardener, who was especially proud of his award winning roses.

In addition to his wife Roberta, Bobby will be forever missed by his two sons, Adam Pacheco of Derby and Joshua Pacheco and wife Chelsea of Broad Brook; and his two adored grandchildren, Robert C. Pacheco and Caroline J. Pacheco, both of Broad Brook. He is also survived by his brother, James Venti of Bristol; five sisters, Gloria Venti of Ellijay, GA, Joan Lugo and husband Rene of Cummings, GA, Elizabeth Pinney of East Hartford, Carol Schwager of Port Ritchie, FL and Mary Jacques and husband Robert of Glastonbury; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; and dear friends. He was predeceased by two brothers, John Venti and Joseph Venti.

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OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, hailing from the southern part of India, Dr. Muthusamy

Swami came to the United States of America in 1982. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from India and a Ph.D. from Florida Tech. He joined the Florida Solar Energy Center in 1982 and has worked there ever since. Dr. Swami has over 40 years of experience in building research, especially in building energy conservation and sustainability—two topics intimately related to climate change.

Dr. Swami is a founding member of the Muthamizh Sangam of Central Florida (MSCF). Started in 1986, MSCF is a non-profit organization devoted to the awareness and promotion of Tamil culture in Central Florida with a vision to bring together all Tamil families who reside in the area. He served as the president of MSCF for over five years and chairman of the board for many years. Dr. Swami was also the president of the Hindu Society of Central Florida (HSCF) from 2012 to 2013. HSCF's focal point is the Hindu Temple in Casselberry and is the cultural, spiritual, and educational center for Central Florida Hindus. He has also served as APAPA's president and vice president for community outreach.

Dr. Swami is considered a pillar of the community for his wide range of community activities. His strength lies in providing leadership, growing the community, and bringing them together—which he has done with great success. He has been instrumental in setting up language schools to preserve the native language, providing leadership training to youth, recruiting and posting students for internships, and advising design teams to win national awards. One such is a first-place design award for the team and to him for faculty advising.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I was not present for the following Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call vote No. 212, On Passage of the bill (S. 2938) To designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the "Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building", I would have voted NAY;

Roll Call vote No. 213, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill, (H. Res. 1125) Condemning rising antisemitism, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call vote No. 214, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill, (H.R. 5738) Lactation Spaces for Veteran Moms Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call vote No. 215, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill (H.R. 7335) MST Claims Coordination Act, I would have voted YEA;

Roll Call vote No. 216, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill (H.R. 6961) To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve hearings before the Board of Veterans' Appeals regarding claims involving military sexual trauma, I would have voted YEA; and on

Roll Call vote No. 217, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the bill (H.R. 6064)

Direct the Sec. of VA to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies for a review of examinations, furnished by the Sec., to individuals who submit claims to the Sec. for compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, U.S.C., for mental & physical conditions to military sexual trauma, I would have voted YEA.

SRI LANKA—MAY 2022

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 13th anniversary of the end of the war in Sri Lanka in May of 2009. The Sri Lankan government won the war to keep the Sinhalese and Tamil communities within one country but has not yet won the peace. In 2015, the Sri Lankan government made commitments on transitional justice and accountability, a political settlement of the ethnic problem, security sector reform, the return of land, the release of Tamil political prisoners, actions to end human rights violations and other ambitious reforms. Unfortunately, not enough improvement has yet been seen by the Tamils, Christians and Muslims who feel marginalized and discriminated against. Instead, in February 2020, the Sri Lankan government withdrew their commitments to implement their goals to transitional justice and accountability made at the United Nations Human Rights Council in 2015.

The U.S. is a member of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) and has initiated resolutions on Sri Lanka since 2012. I'm urging the State Department to start work on a new UNHRC Resolution before Resolution 46/1 expires this September. I suggest this resolution includes:

An extension of the mandate of the OHCHR's special mechanism for evidence collection, especially vital because of the belated start of that mandate in April 2022.

The extension should explicitly determine that:

Evidence collection is not limited to the time period set by Sri Lanka's Lessons Learned and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC), which had a mandate of conflict prevention rather than accountability but include the entire war which began in 1983 and the period just preceding when gross human rights violations began, notably from 1979 with the introduction of the notorious Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA). Evidence from reputed NGOs should be accepted by the mechanism;

All crimes will be considered, including war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, including what the 2015 report Office of the High Commissioner's Investigation on Sri Lanka (OISL) noted as 'widespread' and 'systematic' crimes by the State against the Tamil population;

A recommendation that the General Assembly act on the evidence collected to provide accountability for mass atrocity crimes by referral to a higher international court such as the International Court of Justice or the creation of a special tribunal for Sri Lanka; and

An operative clause on the immediate need of major constitutional reform under inter-

national supervision and guarantees to achieve a permanent political solution to the longstanding ethnic conflict to achieve regional stability and peace and prosperity for all communities on the island.

RECOGNIZING CAPROCK HIGH SCHOOL'S MCJROTC DRILL TEAMS

HON. RONNY JACKSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. JACKSON. Madam Speaker, today, I am proud to recognize the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) Drill Teams of Caprock High School in Amarillo, Texas for their exceptional representation at the 2022 Marine Corps JROTC National Drill Championship.

Over the past three years, Caprock twice placed second at Nationals. These young cadets remained committed to perfecting their skills under the leadership of some of our community's finest, and, this year, they brought home the National Championship trophy. These cadets have exemplified the Marine Corps values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

The National Drill Meet consisted of six team events, with Caprock placing first in two events, second in two events, and fifth in one event. Their efforts secured the program's first National Championship, but I have a feeling it will not be their last.

Since 1971, Caprock's ROTC program has been a part of the Amarillo community. The program has always motivated students to learn, fostered a disciplined and constructive learning environment, and instilled essential skills like time organization, responsibility, goal setting, and teamwork.

I am privileged to represent our National Champion cadets in Congress. They've made me, Caprock High School, and the Amarillo community proud. These students are a part of a tremendous program and have a bright future ahead. Congratulations to the cadets of Caprock High School—Semper Fi.

HONORING PHRA WIJITDHAMMAPANI AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Phra Wijitdhammapani was named Sunan Kruakaew. He was born on August 3, 1957, in Ranot District, Songkhla Province, and was the son of Mr. Pum Kruakaew and Mrs. Om Kruakaew.

At the age of reaching the educational criteria, he attended primary school at Wat Kaset Chonlathi School. After that, he turned his life around to find a temple to study and practice dhamma. On July 14, 1973, at the age of 16, he was ordained as a novice with Phra Kru Suwattanaprasat a preceptor.

On July 1, 1978, at the age of 21, he was ordained at Wat Somanat Vihara, Bangkok with Chao Phrakhun Somdej Phra Wanrat (Jub Thithadhammo), the abbot of Wat Sommant Vihara, to be a preceptor.

Since being ordained as a novice, monks have continued to study the discipline. He was given duties continually related to the community because they must perform their duties in teaching Dhamma and meditation all the time.

In the year 1993, he was assigned by Phra Thepwaraporn and was approved by Chao prakhun Somdej Phra wanrat (Jab Thitadhammo), the abbot of Wat Sommanat Vihara, to practice religious activities in the construction of the Wat Florida Dhammaram in Kissimmee, Florida to be a spiritual center of people of all nations. Teaching both morality and meditation training.

On April 15, 1993, Wat Florida Dhammaram was opened as a meditation center. Then, construction work began on the place of meditation in order to be ready to set up the center for the community to coexist in peace. Wat Florida Dhammaram has been developed progress until the present.

REMEMBERING MICHAEL
"MICKEY" GANITCH

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Michael "Mickey" Ganitch, a United States Navy veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor, who passed away at the age of 102 on Wednesday, May 4, 2022.

Mickey was born in Mogadore, Ohio on November 18, 1919, as one of 14 children. Upon graduating high school in 1937, he left Ohio bound for California. On January 21, 1941, he joined the United States Navy.

Mickey served in the Navy as a Quartermaster, joining the USS *Pennsylvania* in Pearl Harbor on August 15, 1941. On December 7, 1941, while preparing for a football game against the USS *Arizona*, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service bombardment of Pearl Harbor began. During the second air attack, a 500-pound bomb hit Mickey's ship, narrowly missing Mickey's station in the crow's nest. This attack killed 23 men and left numerous others injured. After the attack, Mickey and the USS *Pennsylvania* served as ammunition support for most major United States military invasions in the Pacific theater throughout World War II. Just before the end of the war, in 1945, Mickey survived another attack when a torpedo struck the ship he was on, killing 20 in Mickey's 26-man crew.

After the war, Mickey continued his service as a recruiter in Oakland. In the early 1960's, he met his wife, Barbara. They went on to marry in 1963. Shortly thereafter, he retired from the Navy as Senior Chief Quartermaster. He continued to work various jobs throughout his life, at a bowling alley, as a fishing net manufacturer, and as a security guard at the Alameda naval air station, where he retired in 1996.

Mickey's active involvement in his community reflected his heart of service. He served as Pearl Harbor Survivors organization state

treasurer and chapter secretary; he volunteered over 7,000 hours with the VA; he was an active member of the Masonic Lodge; and he served as head usher for his church for more than 49 years.

Mickey, Barbara, and their family have resided in the heart of my community since they arrived. I am grateful for his service and his dedication to sharing his story. He is survived by his wife Barbara, with whom he shared nearly 60 years of marriage, his four daughters, 13 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING BARRY S.
STERNLICHT ON HIS DEVOTION
TO CONGREGATION AGUDATH
SHOLOM

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Barry S. Sternlicht for his tireless work on behalf of Congregation Agudath Sholom. His devotion to the congregational family at Agudath Sholom, the local Jewish community in Stamford and to the well-being of Jews worldwide is nothing short of inspiring. The community of southwestern Connecticut is stronger, richer and more inclusive because of the work that he does.

It is my unique honor to recognize Barry for his unyielding dedication and outstanding philanthropic contributions to his congregation. With Barry's generosity, Congregation Agudath Sholom restored its synagogue and in doing so, helped spread the core Jewish value of repairing the world. Barry's commitment to preserving the beauty of Agudath Sholom in the spirit of his father exemplifies a core tenet of Judaism: L'dor V'dor, from generation to generation.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating Barry on his immense accomplishments.

COMMENDING 50 YEARS OF DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE
STATE OF QATAR

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to commend 50 years of diplomatic relations between the United States and the State of Qatar.

That a country slightly smaller than Connecticut is such an important partner to the United States is no mere accident. Instead, this is the direct result of the dedication and hard work of not only Qatar's leaders, but its people. I would be remiss if I did not give credit to Qatar's leaders who have ensured spending on social programs such as housing, healthcare, education, and pensions. Through this commitment, the people of Qatar have what they need to advance their Nation.

Qatar has also assisted the United States with our diplomatic and military goals in the re-

gion. In 1991, Qatar played a significant role in the Gulf War, particularly during the Battle of Khafji in which Qatari tanks engaged troops loyal to Saddam Hussein. Furthermore, Qatar allowed coalition troops from the United States, Canada, and France to operate in its territory, bolstering Operation Desert Storm. Following this successful arrangement, the United States and Qatar agreed upon the need for a Defense Cooperation Agreement. This pact, which has subsequently been expanded, has served as the basis for military collaboration for the last 30 years.

In 1996, Qatar built Al Udeid Air Base, which now serves as the forward headquarters for U.S. Central Command. Al Udeid is home to the largest U.S. military base in the Middle East and continues to be supported by Qatar, with the Qatari government having provided over \$8 billion in funding for the base over the last 20 years.

Notably, President Joe Biden met with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, in Washington on January 31, 2022. This meeting was the first that President Biden had with a regional leader since he became president and served as a clear signal that Washington views Doha as an important partner in the region. This was underscored when the President told the Emir that the United States would nominate Qatar as a Major Non-NATO Ally. This status recognizes Qatar's growing responsibility as a strong and enduring partner in countering violent extremism, combating terrorism, and deterring external aggressors.

Qatar has also been an invaluable asset on the diplomatic front. Qatar quietly assisted in ending the Israel-Hamas war in May 2021 and continues to be helpful in seeking to improve relations between Israelis and Palestinians.

Without a doubt, Qatar's most significant diplomatic and humanitarian efforts were in the evacuation of more than 100,000 people from Afghanistan after the American withdrawal. Qatar was uniquely positioned because of its ability to speak to various parties on the ground and to escort people through Taliban-controlled Kabul.

A large percentage of the new refugees were brought to Qatar, which arranged housing and other shelter for them as well as food, medicine, and other provisions. At one point, the Qatari military was providing over 50,000 meals per day to the newly arrived refugees. There are still thousands of Afghan refugees in Qatar, where they continue to receive much needed care and assistance.

On September 7, 2021, only weeks after the American withdrawal from Afghanistan, Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III and Secretary of State Antony Blinken flew to Doha to acknowledge the role Qatar played in the transit and care of evacuees from Afghanistan and to thank Qatar for its vital assistance. Secretary Blinken complimented Qatar's efforts in the evacuation saying, "you've facilitated the safe transit of more than 55,000 people. That's nearly half of those who were evacuated in the entire evacuation from Kabul. These are massive numbers. And as I've said a number of times, we spend a lot of time back in Washington talking about numbers: the total number of evacuees, American citizens, and so forth. But you know better than anyone that behind each of these numbers is a real person, is a mother, a father, a sister, a brother, a son, a daughter."

While the military and diplomatic cooperation over the years is impressive, there are so many other areas in which relations between our two nations have flourished over the course of the past 50 years. The United States and Qatar have extensive economic ties. As Qatar's largest foreign direct investor and its single largest source of imports, the United States has developed a robust trade relationship with Qatar, with over 120 U.S. companies operating in country. U.S. exports to Qatar increased by 47.7 percent from 2018 to 2019, totaling \$6.5 billion in 2019.

Major education ties have been developed over the course of the fifty-year relationship. Annually, hundreds of Qatari students study in the United States. In addition, six U.S. universities have branch campuses in Qatar's Education City complex. These include Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, and Northwestern University.

In short, over the course of the 50-year relationship, the United States and Qatar have developed military and strategic ties, cooperated on major diplomatic initiatives, enlarged financial and economic relations, and supported worthy causes and educational advancement for students in both countries. Significantly, although our two nations are in different regions of the world, with different histories and cultures, they have been able to forge an enduring friendship based on many shared values. I look forward to this relationship deepening even further in the next 50 years and beyond.

**HONORING DR. MARIAM ESAT AS
A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN
AMERICAN AND PACIFIC IS-
LANDER HERITAGE MONTH**

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Mariam Esat immigrated to the United States in 1986 from Zimbabwe. In 1982, at the age of 23, she graduated as a medical doctor from the University of Zimbabwe.

Through dedication and despite a scarcity of resources, she was able to beat the odds and gained acceptance to an internal medicine residency program at New York Downtown Hospital in 1987. She then pursued an infectious disease fellowship at the Manhattan Veterans Administration Hospital/New York University. She is American Board certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases. At the height of the HIV epidemic, she joined Columbia University/Harlem Hospital as an assistant professor, serving the underprivileged population where she participated in HIV clinical trials at a time when the disease was feared, and much was unknown. She then returned to Zimbabwe for several years as there was a huge need in Sub-Saharan Africa for her expertise where HIV was rampant.

In 2003, she returned with her family to the United States. Since then, she has treated

countless patients throughout the Florida hospital systems. As president of infectious disease consultancy services, P.L. in Hunters Creek, she serves the private sector in Orange and Osceola Counties.

Dr. Esat has worked relentlessly teaching medical staff, and together as a team, they have been in the front line as first responders in the management of patients with COVID-19. She has worked diligently to save lives throughout the hospitals and intensive care units. She initiated new treatment protocols as the disease unraveled and knowledge about the disease was evolving at lightning speed.

She has held many leadership positions including chairman of the Peer Review, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, and Antimicrobial Stewardship Committees, member of the Medical Executive and Crisis Care Committees, and served on the Board of Trustees at Osceola Regional Medical Center.

**RECOGNIZING BISHOP ZACHARY N.
HICKS**

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the Historic First Jurisdiction of Michigan Northeast, a house of worship located in Detroit, Michigan and to honor the Right Reverend Zachary N. Hicks and his elevation to the Bishopric.

Bishop Hicks has faithfully pastored the Faith Clinic Church of God in Christ for over thirty years, ministering to the needs of individuals of many backgrounds in the surrounding community. He has led with a natural instinct to provide for his congregation and community through numerous outstanding programs to residents regardless of age, sex, opportunity, or background.

Bishop Hicks also notably has developed and overseen many housing and food assistance programs over the decades and is currently leading the Love N Kindness Community Development Corporation to provide to homeless veterans in the metropolitan Detroit area. His service shows a clear commitment to community development and prosperity, with a specific focus on the underprivileged and disenfranchised.

Bishop Hicks has proven his love and compassion both with his congregation and with the greater community, and this experience will serve as a great wealth of knowledge and opportunity to lead in this new role. Please join me in celebrating Bishop Zachary N. Hicks in honor of his elevation to Bishop at the Historic First Jurisdiction of Michigan, Northeast.

**FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COL-
LEGE INNOVATION CHALLENGE**

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the team

from Front Range Community College on becoming one of twelve finalists for the National Science Foundation's Community College Innovation Challenge (CCIC). This program asks small teams of U.S. community college students, alongside a faculty or administrator advisor, to craft innovative Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)-based solutions for real world problems. The CCIC is meant to encourage and highlight innovations by students coming out of two-year institutions that are typically underrepresented in the areas of STEM. Finalist teams will participate in an Innovation Boot Camp, which will provide immersion in the thinking, skills, and tools that help transform innovation into entrepreneurship. I congratulate all of the competition's participants for their work on a variety of important projects.

The team at Front Range tackled challenges associated with oil spills through their innovative Orca method. Inspired by the unique feeding style of whales, the Orca Oil-Separating & Bio-Filtration Vessel deploys a new method of cleaning oil spills that is both inexpensive and quick. Oil spills have tremendous environmental and economic costs, particularly on local communities, and I applaud the Front Range team for their work on this important issue.

I congratulate the Front Range team and their faculty advisor for their success. I applaud these students for their dedication to this important project and their leadership and commitment to STEM education, blazing a path for our country's future leaders and innovators. I am proud of the work Front Range Community College does every day and I look forward to seeing what the school and these students accomplish in the years to come.

**RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF
BRANDON GRISSOM**

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Brandon Lyle Grissom, an honorable family man and devoted citizen throughout the luka community. Mr. Grissom exemplifies the true definition of honor and selflessness, and brought joy to all he came encounter with.

Brandon was a devoted member to luka First United Pentecostal Church as he served as the Children's Pastor and was a part of the board. A firefighter for over 25 years and was the Tishomingo County District One Supervisor, Mr. Grissom served the ones around him remarkably.

I am deeply grateful for genuine and serving citizens like Brandon Lyle Grissom, and my thoughts are with the people who loved him most.

HONORING DR. MARIA ELOISA ALBAY DE PADUA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Maria Eloisa Albay de Padua, MD, is the longest-serving physician in Central Florida Health Care, a non-profit federally qualified community health care center.

After finishing her education in the Philippines, Dr. de Padua immigrated to the United States of America and did her residency at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo. After learning about CFHC's mission to help migrant workers and the underserved 27 years ago, Dr. de Padua joined and never looked back.

Going into medicine to help the sick and the most vulnerable, Dr. de Padua considered CFHC the perfect place to realize her dreams. Initially, she worked as a pediatrician for the Frostproof, Wauchula, and Avon Park Community Health Centers. Then, as CFHC began growing, Dr. de Padua helped start several other facilities by being one of the first providers in the Dundee, Mulberry, Lakeland, and Winter Haven Community Health Centers.

As a pediatrician, Dr. de Padua treats sick children from birth to age 18. Her focus is on helping children stay healthy by ensuring they get their well checks and immunizations promptly. Having served the community for 27 years, Dr. de Padua now has former patients who are parents, bringing their children to see her as patients.

For de Padua, her greatest reward as a pediatrician is to see her patients grow from newborns to young students to college graduates who then move on to become contributing members of society.

HONORING JILLIAN FUSS FOR EARNING THE HUSKY 100 AWARD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Jillian Fuss, from Napavine, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time at the university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, helping make a difference on campus, in their communities, and in the future—and Jillian is no exception.

Jillian is pursuing her bachelor's in Medical Anthropology Global Health Microbiology at the University of Washington. After graduation,

Jillian wants to apply her degree and what she's learned to "use our unique genius creations and knowledge to empower communities and heal." Her current activities and goals for her future are exactly why Jillian was given this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Jillian on receiving this honor and I wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

CELEBRATING DR. MITCHELL'S RETIREMENT

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Dr. Judy Mitchell and her over 25 years of service to Joliet Junior College as she embarks on a well-deserved retirement.

Beginning her higher education career at 34, Dr. Mitchell quickly made a name for herself. Within 18-years, she was able to earn not one, but five degrees that spurred multiple career advancements, leading her to become the ninth president of the nation's first public community college, Joliet Junior College.

As a JJC alum herself, Dr. Mitchell fully embodied the College's mission of inspiring learning, working hard, and cultivating pathways to prosperity. In her time as President, Dr. Mitchell has assisted in the creation of offices such as the Student Advising Center and the Office of Diversity Equity, Inclusion, and Compliance, creating a stronger school foundation for all.

A fierce supporter of JJC in and outside of her presidency, Dr. Mitchell has even personally contributed 40 percent in funding to support returning adult students through what is appropriately deemed the Dr. Judy Mitchell Scholarship.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the communities Joliet Junior College serves, and I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Dr. Judy Mitchell for her prolific contributions to Joliet Junior College, and with best wishes for a happy next chapter of her life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE JUDY ELIZABETH INMON POSEY

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Judge Judy Elizabeth Inmon Posey. I join her family, friends, and loved ones in mourning her loss.

Judy Posey was born in Okolona on October 3, 1956 to Tommy and Audrey Corley Inmon. She attended Okolona High School and married Timothy Charles Posey on April 5, 1985. In 1999 Judge Posey was elected to serve Chickasaw County as a Justice Court Judge. She was known for her fair and firm decision-making. I am grateful for her service to the state of Mississippi. Her time on the bench will not be forgotten and she is greatly appreciated for all she has done.

Left to cherish her memory are husband, Tim; son, Tom; daughter, Elizabeth; and three grandchildren.

I am grateful for Judge Posey's lifetime of public service and offer my most sincere condolences to her loved ones.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. MARTIN SHICHTMAN

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Martin Shichtman on the occasion of his retirement from Eastern Michigan University after serving as a Professor of English Language and Literature for nearly four decades. As the founder and director of the EMU Center for Jewish Studies, his service to Eastern Michigan University and the greater Southeast Michigan community is worthy of commendation.

A proud native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Shichtman is a graduate of Binghamton University and the University of Iowa, where he studied Medieval English Literature. At Eastern Michigan University, he has taught various subjects, including Arthurian literature and Jewish-American Literature and Culture. When an administrator approached him about diversifying the university's interdisciplinary studies, he brought courses such as Literature, Film, and the Holocaust to the classroom. After the success of that course, alongside colleagues Jeffrey Bernstein, Pamela Landau, and Jessica Alexander, the idea for a Jewish Studies program was born. The Center for Jewish Studies opened in 2012 and has grown extensively. It offers a minor in Jewish Studies as well as domestic and international travel courses to New York and Israel. The Center also brings speakers, musicians, and other special events to campus, exposing the community to Jewish history and culture.

Known to his students as "Marty," Dr. Shichtman is a familiar face on Eastern's campus. Quick to crack a joke and offer a reference from his vast media vocabulary—spanning from baseball to film, Dr. Shichtman has shared his wit and wisdom with students in Ypsilanti and beyond for the past four decades. During his time as Director of the Center for Jewish Studies, he has worked to serve the working-class, first-generation college students at Eastern Michigan University, educating them on Jewish culture, and providing countless scholarships and opportunities for learning. Under his leadership, the Center has grown from an idea to an institution that hosts Jewish leaders and artists from around the world and has become a gathering place for learners across the state. He resides in Plymouth, Michigan with his family and remains an active leader in the Southeast Michigan Jewish community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Martin Shichtman on this special day as the EMU Center for Jewish Studies celebrates ten fantastic years and we celebrate the retirement of Dr. Shichtman. He has touched the lives of so many students and his impact will be felt for years to come. I join with Dr. Shichtman's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement and thank him for all that he has done for the students of Eastern Michigan University.

HONORING SIDNEY TE AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Sidney Te has served as an operating room Registered Nurse for 33 years. Sidney graduated from San Pedro College, Philippines with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1989. Her new adventure began when she and her husband moved to the United States in 1994.

Upon arriving, Sidney became a licensed Registered Nurse in New York in 1994 and has been a licensed Registered Nurse in Florida since 2002. Sidney has spent the majority of her career working in the operating room. Sidney is celebrating 20 years of exemplary work and has worked with Orlando Health since 2002.

During her time at Orlando Health, she has taken care of patients of all ages and has worked nearly every type of surgical procedure. Additionally, she is responsible for keeping patients safe during surgery by providing care before, during and after surgeries. Sidney is detailed oriented, adaptive, calm under pressure and able to juggle multiple priorities with ease.

Sidney is happily married with two kids. Together, they love all outdoor activities and traveling.

CONGRATULATING JULIE FRY

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Julie Fry, a first-grade science teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School in Yakima, for winning the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching—the highest honor the government can bestow on a K–12 math or science teacher in the United States.

Julie's love of teaching and ability to innovate during challenging times has motivated and inspired her students, and her efforts to instill critical thinking skills and strong teamwork at such a young age is remarkable. STEM programs are vital to our communities, and the work Julie does for her students has not gone unnoticed.

I know she will continue to provide opportunities for students throughout Central Washington to gain interest, education, and involvement in the sciences, paving the way for the future generation of leaders in Central Washington.

My sincerest thanks go out to Julie for her commitment to our community, and I look forward to witnessing her students' future success.

I congratulate Julie on a job well done.

HONORING THE CITRUS COUNTY, FL SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, every American citizen should avidly and frequently acknowledge the selfless service and unmatched devotion to a difficult calling of those who humbly don the cloth of a law enforcement agency and serve behind the badge. These heroes are dedicated to keeping our communities safe while paying a price far more difficult and dangerous than anyone else—they put their lives on the line every day for our safety and protection. Indeed, short of our nation's members of the Armed Forces, they are the only profession in the United States of America that is expected to run towards the sound of gun fire.

While it is impossible to fully express our appreciation and utmost respect for these courageous public servants, we would be remiss if we didn't try. There is no greater courage than that of a law enforcement officer who is willing to sacrifice their life for others. Today, we pause and reflect on the selflessness of those who so willingly chose to serve the American people knowing the inherent risks. And, in spite of these risks, they get up every single day—including nights, weekends, and holidays, put on their uniforms, and report for duty.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Citrus County Sheriff Mike Prendergast and the law enforcement officers who bravely and selflessly serve Citrus County. Established on June 2, 1887, for 135 years, these outstanding professionals have proudly served the citizens of Citrus County. Since their operations began, twelve Sheriffs have humbly stepped forward to serve their community. Sheriff Priest was the first sheriff of Citrus County in 1887, serving until 1896. Present day, as the county's 12th Constitutional Sheriff, Sheriff Mike Prendergast tirelessly serves his community and exceptionally promotes the importance of leadership and servitude throughout the agency, which is apparent through the various accolades of the agency's personnel. From their Volunteer of the Year, Nancy Doherty, who passionately assists those in need; their Civilian of the Year, Jasmine Snedeker, whose contributions were instrumental to the agency's many successes; to their Communications Officer of the Year, Samantha O'Conner, who's willingness to go beyond the scope of her duties to ensure the well-being of others; and their Deputy Sheriff of the Year, Sergeant Rachel Montgomery, for her superior leadership, work ethic and meritorious dedication to serving the citizens of her community; all reflect great credit upon their agency and the profession of law enforcement.

The Citrus County Sheriffs Office is just one of the many law enforcement agencies in our nation who continue to build upon the rich legacy of integrity and service above self. It is an honor to recognize this Agency and all men and women in law enforcement. As Americans, we should all take a moment to thank our men and women in law enforcement who represent the finest traditions of the "thin blue line." May God bless them and keep them safe.

REMEMBERING DR. JOHN B. SHIRLEY

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Dr. John B. Shirley, a distinguished WWII veteran, and beloved veterinarian, who passed away at the age of 97 on Wednesday, December 22, 2021.

On December 8, 1924, John was born in Southern California on a large family farm. He graduated from Newport Harbor High School in 1942 and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943.

John served as part of the 15th Infantry Regiment of the Third Infantry Division as a squad leader, platoon sergeant, and acting platoon leader. In 1944 John and his platoon participated in Southern Landing, better known now as "D-Day." While liberating the village of Bannwihr in the Alsace region of France in December, he was wounded and taken hostage but quickly escaped and was treated in Paris and London.

He returned to his platoon in March 1945 and continued to fight in Germany at the rank of sergeant first class. John was a highly distinguished veteran receiving the Silver Star, Two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, the European Theater Operation Medal, and the French Legion of Honor.

John returned home in 1945 as a second lieutenant and began college at UC Davis. While there, he put his two younger sisters through college and met his wife, Helen. John graduated as a member of the inaugural class of veterinarians in 1952.

John and Helen moved to Livermore, California in 1954 to start his veterinary practice and opened the first animal hospital there in 1957. He was an extremely skilled surgeon and loved by the ranching community. John served his community as the mayor of Livermore from 1963 to 1965 and served on the city council from 1958 to 1966. John was also an active member of The Rotary Club of Livermore and served as president from 1967 to 1968. He remained connected to his military roots by joining the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1954 with whom he participated in the firing squad who performed the 21-gun salute at various events and ceremonies.

John and his family have been central figures in the Livermore community since 1954. We are grateful for his service and his dedication to our community and our veterans. John is survived by his sister Annette, four children, Steven, James, Barbara, and Patricia, six grandchildren, Christopher, Scott, Danielle, Jesse, Lisa, and Jeff, and eight great-grandchildren.

CONGRATULATING RACHEL FRIED DAYAN ON HER DEVOTION TO CONGREGATION AGUDATH SHOLOM

HON. JAMES A. HIMES

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Mr. HIMES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Rachel Fried

Dayan for her tireless work on behalf of Congregation Agudath Sholom. Her devotion to the congregational family at Agudath Sholom, the local Jewish community in Stamford and to the well-being of Jews worldwide is nothing short of inspiring. The community of southwestern Connecticut is stronger, richer and more inclusive because of the work that she does.

It is my unique honor to recognize Rachel for her unyielding dedication to her faith and her unparalleled efforts to advance the cause of Jewish organizations around the world. Rachel led the Congregation Agudath Sholom rebuilding committee in restoring the synagogue and in doing so, helped spread the core Jewish value of repairing the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating Rachel on her immense accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING ORCHARDS
CHILDREN'S SERVICES

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Orchards Children's Services as they celebrate sixty years of providing supportive services to children and families, in-

cluding adoption and foster care, across the State of Michigan.

Founded in 1962, Orchards started its work under the umbrella of the National Council of Jewish Women as a group home to seven disabled children. Since that time, the organization has grown in its mission to strengthening families and now serves more than eight thousand children in fifteen counties across Michigan.

Whether it's providing in-home support services to families to help families in difficult situations stay together or uniting children to loving homes, Orchards Children's Services is dedicated to keeping children safe and happy. They work tirelessly to ensure access to counseling and connect families to the basic resources they need to create stable homes.

Please join me in celebrating Orchards Children's Services sixty years of service to the children and families of Michigan.

HONORING HAYOUNG JUNG FOR
EARNING THE HUSKY 100 AWARD
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

HON. JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate

Hayoung Jung, from Vancouver, Washington on being awarded the Husky 100 from the University of Washington.

The University of Washington Husky 100 program recognizes 100 undergraduate and graduate students from all campuses and all areas of study who are making the most of their time at the university. Recipients of the Husky 100 are successfully connecting what happens inside the classroom to the outside, helping make a difference on campus, in their communities, and in the future—and Hayoung is no exception.

Hayoung is pursuing his bachelor's in both Computer Science and Political Science at the University of Washington. After graduation, Hayoung plans to attend graduate school and then advance his career in the technology industry where he hopes to promote social good in the world using the power of technology. His current activities and goals for his future are exactly why Hayoung was given this recognition.

Once again, I want to congratulate Hayoung on receiving this honor and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.